STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH BUREAU OF REGULATORY SERVICES

In re: DJ Contracting, Inc.

Petition No. 2004-0206-053-002

**CONSENT ORDER** 

WHEREAS, DJ Contracting, Inc. of Pine Brook, New Jersey (hereinafter "respondent") has been issued license number 000383 to practice as an asbestos contractor by the Department of Public Health (hereinafter "the Department") pursuant to Chapter 400a of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended; and,

WHEREAS, the Department alleges that:

1. In or about May 2003, respondent was the asbestos contractor for an asbestos abatement project at the Citigroup Guest House, American Lane, Greenwich, CT (hereinafter, "the Greenwich property").

2. On or about May 8, 2003, in connection with the asbestos abatement project at the Greenwich property, respondent failed to ensure that all asbestos abatement workers providing services for the project were certified to do so, as required by §20-440-5(a) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies (hereinafter, "the Regulations").
Moreover, a representative of respondent provided the Department investigator with the credentials of a worker who was not present and attempted to present those as the credentials for another worker who was present but whose certification had lapsed.
Subsequently, the Department reinstated the certification for the worker who was actually providing services as an asbestos abatement worker at the Greenwich property.

GENERLCO

- 3. In or about July 2003, respondent was the asbestos contractor for an asbestos abatement project at the Columbus Elementary School, 275 George Street, Bridgeport, CT (hereinafter, "the Bridgeport property"). Said project involved the removal of various asbestos containing materials, including ceiling tiles, pipe insulation and spray-on fireproofing, in connection with the renovation of the school.
- 4. On or about July 14, 2003, in connection with the asbestos abatement project at the Bridgeport property, respondent:
  - a. failed to restrict work area access to authorized personnel afforded proper respiratory protection and/or protective clothing, as required by §19a-332a-5(f) of the Regulations, in that a Department investigator observed a worker exit the work area without a respirator and with a Tyvek suit tied around his waist and that the work area contained two open containers of drinking water;
  - b. failed to ensure that no person or equipment leave the work area unless first decontaminated by showering, wet washing or high efficiency particulate air vacuuming to remove all asbestos debris, as required by §19a-332a-6(b) of the Regulations, in that a Department investigator observed a worker exit the work area without decontaminating himself or the metal light fixtures he was loading out of the work area;
  - c. failed to seal airtight, with polyethylene sheeting, all openings between the work area and non-work area(s), as required by §19a-332a-5(c), in that a Department investigator observed two ventilation grills and a sink drain that were not covered; and
  - d. failed to cover all non-moveable objects in the work area with polyethylene sheeting attached securely in place, as required by §19a-332a-5(d) of the Regulations, in that a Department investigator observed a partially covered toilet in the work area.

5. The above described facts constitute grounds for disciplinary action pursuant to Chapter 400a and §§19a-332 and 19a-332a of the General Statutes of Connecticut, taken in conjunction with §§19a-332a-1, 19a-332a-2, 19a-332a-5(c), 19a-332a-5(d), 19a-332a-5(f), 19a-332a-6(b), 20-440-5(a) and 20-440-6(b) of the Regulations.

WHEREAS, respondent, in consideration of this Consent Order, has chosen not to contest the above allegations of wrongdoing but, while admitting no guilt or wrongdoing, agrees that for purposes of this or any future proceedings before the Department, this Consent Order shall have the same effect as if proven and ordered after a full hearing held pursuant to §§19a-10 and 19a-14 of the General Statutes of Connecticut.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to §§19a-14 and 19a-17 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, respondent hereby stipulates and agrees to the following:

- 1. Respondent waives its right to a hearing on the merits of this matter.
- Respondent's license number 000383 to practice as an asbestos contractor in the State of Connecticut is hereby reprimanded.
- 3. Respondent shall pay a civil penalty of seven thousand and five hundred dollars (\$7,500.00) by certified or cashier's check payable to "Treasurer, State of Connecticut."

  The check shall reference the Petition Number on the face of the check, and shall be payable at the time respondent submits the executed Consent Order to the Department.
- 4. Respondent shall comply with all state and federal statutes and regulations applicable to its licensure.
- 5. Respondent shall pay all costs necessary to comply with this Consent Order.
- 6. This Consent Order is effective on the date this Consent Order is accepted by the Department.

- 7. Respondent agrees that this Consent Order shall be deemed a public document, and the Department's allegations as contained in this Consent Order shall be deemed true in any subsequent proceeding before the Department in which its compliance with this Consent Order or with Chapters 400a or 368l of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended, is at issue.
- 8. This Consent Order and terms set forth herein are not subject to reconsideration, collateral attack or judicial review under any form or in any forum. Further, this Order is not subject to appeal or review under the provisions of Chapters 54 or 368a of the General Statutes of Connecticut, provided that this stipulation shall not deprive respondent of any rights that it may have under the laws of the State of Connecticut or of the United States.
- 9. This Consent Order is a revocable offer of settlement which may be modified by mutual agreement or withdrawn by the Department at any time prior to its being executed by the last signatory.
- 10. Respondent permits a representative of the Legal Office of the Bureau of Healthcare

  Systems to present this Consent Order and the factual basis for this Consent Order to the

  Department. Respondent understands that the Department has complete and final

  discretion as to whether this executed Consent Order is approved or accepted.
- 11. Respondent has the right to consult with an attorney prior to signing this document.
- 12. The execution of this document has no bearing on any criminal liability without the written consent of the Director of the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit or the Bureau Chief of the Division of Criminal Justice's Statewide Prosecution Bureau.

I, Alex Terzioski, Vice President of DJ Contracting, Inc., have read the above Consent Order, and I affirm that I am fully authorized to bind said corporation. I hereby stipulate and agree to bind DJ Contracting, Inc. to the terms as set forth therein. I further declare the execution of this Consent Order to be my free act and deed.

Alex Terzioski, Vice President

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 200

\_ 2004.

Notary Public or person authorized

day 🕫

by law to administer an oath or affirmation

AZRA KOJCEVSKI MOTARY A BLIC OF NEW JERSEY My Commission Expires April 7, 2007

The above Consent Order having been presented to the duly appointed agent of the

Commissioner of the Department of Public Health on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of

June 2004, it is hereby accepted.

Ellen Blaschinski, Director

Division of Environmental Health

Bureau of Regulatory Services

s:llf/DJContractin/CO